

FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Version: CSSSHB 53(FIN)
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: _____
Title Child in Need of Aid/Review Panels BRU Alaska Court System
Component Trial Courts
Sponsor Representative Coghill
Requester _____ Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services	83.6	83.6	83.6	83.6	83.6	83.6
Travel	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3
Contractual						
Supplies	6.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	94.9	91.7	91.7	91.7	91.7	91.7

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	94.9	91.7	91.7	91.7	91.7	91.7
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	94.9	91.7	91.7	91.7	91.7	91.7

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal: ☐

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary	4	4	4	4	4	4

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

CSSSHB 53 (FIN) makes several changes to the statutes that govern Child in Need of Aid (CINA) proceedings. Most of those changes reflect a policy to presumptively open most CINA proceedings, and agency actions and records. Of particular interest to the court system are those sections that relate to court hearings. Under the bill, most CINA hearings will be open to the public unless a party files, and the court grants, a motion to close all or a portion of a hearing. An interested member of the public may notify the court and the parties that he or she would like to be served with any petitions to close. Additionally, If the court is considering closing a hearing out of concern that an open hearing might interfere with a criminal investigation then the court is to notify the criminal justice agency conducting the investigation and provide it with an opportunity to be heard. (Continued on page 2)

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Each year the court system receives roughly 1,200 new CINA cases and 200 petitions to terminate parental rights. Both the Public Defender Agency and the Office of Public Advocacy, who represent the parties in these cases, anticipate filing motions to close in a significant percentage of these cases. This fiscal note reflects additional judicial and clerical time associated with ruling on motions to close, closing and then reopening hearings where only a portion of a hearing needs to be closed, notifying law enforcement agencies in those cases where closure is needed to protect a criminal investigation and clerical work associated with data input and scheduling changes. Specifically, this note asks for four months of a part-time court clerk in Anchorage and two months of part-time clerks in both Bethel and Fairbanks and corresponding pro tem time for judges in those same locations.